

## CHAPTER 3

### SECTION 1.3

## LASER SURGERY

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### I. DESCRIPTION

Surgery using a laser (Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation) device instead of conventional surgical tools, such as scalpels.

### II. POLICY

Laser surgery may be cost-shared to the same extent as conventional surgery when the device being used has been approved by the FDA.

### III. EXCLUSIONS

Laser surgery may not be cost-shared for surgical procedures otherwise excluded under TRICARE, including:

- A. Pain relief, biostimulation;
- B. Noncovered surgical services, such as removal of tattoos;
- C. Arthritis or low back pain;
- D. Corneal sculpting;
- E. Body sculpting.

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